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INTERNATIONAL FIGURES TO
ADDRESS CONVENTION SESSIONS

DPS 82111

NEW YORK (DPS, May 6) -- Several internationally known speakers have been invited by Presiding Bishop John M. Allin to address the Episcopal Church's General Convention on three days during its triennial meeting in New Orleans in September.

The 256 bishops and 908 deputies who will be in session Sept. 5-15, together with the Episcopal women and visitors will have opportunity to hear the series of speakers -- most of them are household names -- and learn of their global perspectives on some of the major issues of the 1980s.

The three one-hour joint sessions will be held on Sept. 7, 8 and 9. The Tuesday morning session will be at the Saenger Theatre while the Wednesday and Thursday sessions will be in the South Hall of the Rivergate convention hall, next to the meeting room of the House of Deputies.

Allin said this format will place bishops and deputies in a "listening stance" as these speakers, from their varied backgrounds, share their experiences on the international scene.

Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, will be interviewed before the assembly on Sept. 7. Tutu has been an outspoken opponent of the apartheid system of South Africa and has been a leading spokesman for non-violent social, racial and economic changes in his country. His stand has led to the withdrawal of his passport by the South African government on two occasions, the most recent being April 1981 and he is still without the document.

Efforts are being made by Allin and others to persuade the government of South Africa to restore Tutu's passport so he may travel to the Convention in New Orleans. Allin has recently conferred with South Africa's Ambassador to the United States Donald Sole and Chester Crocker, Undersecretary of State for Africa, and with other members of the administration in Washington, seeking affirmative action by the South African government.

Walter Cronkite, well-known correspondent for CBS-TV -- and an Episcopalian -- has been invited by Allin to interview Tutu.

On Sept. 8, the theme at the special event will be the unique concerns of women. Coretta Scott King of Atlanta, widow of the assassinated Martin Luther King, Jr., has accepted an invitation to head the list of speakers that morning. A musician by training and early experience, she has been a prominent leader in anti-war and social action causes. She is the recipient of numerous awards which have recognized her commitment to justice and peace.

A second widow of a slain leader in the cause of peace has also been invited to speak at the Wednesday meeting. The widow of Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat, the Egyptian president who was assassinated last October, has been asked by Allin to share her personal feelings on the causes in which she and her husband have been involved.

A third possible speaker for Sept. 8 is Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Allin has extended an invitation to her to speak and he expects to meet with her in June to follow up on the invitation.

A 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mother Teresa is known for her care of the dying poor and for lepers through the Missionaries of Charity, which she founded about 1950.

The final session of the special series, on Sept. 9, will bring together a panel of leaders from several crisis-plagued areas of the world for a structured discussion, with Episcopalian Thomas M. Franck of New York, director of research of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as moderator.

The Rt. Rev. Robert H.A. Eames, Anglican Bishop of Down and Dromore, in Northern Ireland, a member of the panel, comes from a church that is in the midst of a country characterized by turmoil and trouble and will share his perspective on that critical situation. Eames led a Church of Ireland delegation to New York and Washington last year.

The Anglican Bishop of Iran, the Rt. Rev. H.B. Dehqani-Tafti, has accepted Allin's invitation, and comes out of the revolutionary turmoil of Iran. He is now living in exile in England. He is also President Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, a province of which Iran is a part.

Andrew Young, who was elected Mayor of Atlanta last year, will also be a participant. As clergyman, civil rights leader, Congressman, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Young has been at the forefront of social change issues for a number of years. He will join the panel on Sept. 9 to bring his own perspective to some of the issues facing the Church and world today.

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Picture Caption

Several internationally-known speakers have been invited by Presiding Bishop John M. Allin to address the Episcopal Church's General Convention in New Orleans in September. Speakers who have accepted include Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, secretary general of the South African Council of Churches (82111/1); Bishop Robert H.A. Eames of Down and Dromore, Church of Ireland (82111/2); Andrew Young, Mayor of Atlanta (82111/3), and Bishop H.B. Dehqani-Tafti of Iran, of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East (82111/4).

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Note: A photograph of Coretta Scott King will be sent in a later DPS mailing.

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BENEFIT PERFORMANCE
TO FEATURE WINTERS

DPS 82112

NEW ORLEANS (DPS, May 6) -- When the Episcopal Church's General Convention meets here in September, comic Jonathan Winters will head an entertainment bill which will also include Preservation Hall Jazz Band and comedienne Ann B. Davis.

An evening with Jonathan Winters is one of the entertainment programs planned to benefit the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging. Davis, featured on "The Brady Bunch" and other television programs, will be hostess for the evening.

Scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8, the benefit program will be at the recently restored Saenger Performing Arts Center, within walking distance of the Convention site and hotels.

Winters, known for his improvisational skills which enable him to create instantly characters and situations, supplying a wide range of his own sound effects, is a native of Dayton, Ohio and grew up in Springfield. He was confirmed and married in the Episcopal Church.

He enrolled at Episcopal-related Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, and later transferred to Dayton Art Institute. It was his wife, Eileen, who initiated his switch from an amateur comic to professional entertainer. He is still an active and serious painter and has enjoyed two critically-acclaimed one-man shows.

His reputation as a comic was developed in nightclubs, television and the movies. He has made 12 albums for Columbia Records. In addition to creating his own comedy material, Winters writes short stories and light verse.

Preservation Hall was started in New Orleans in 1961 so there would be a place where musicians and others could get together in a relaxed atmosphere, where music was the important thing.

The Society is also sponsoring a benefit moonlight cruise on a Mississippi River boat on Labor Day, Sept. 6. The cruise will feature a seafood buffet, fried chicken picnic dinner, and the big band sound of Jubilation. A jazz march, led by the Olympia Brass Band, will escort the group from the Convention site to the river-boat.

A third entertainment feature sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging will be visits to some private patios and courtyards in the French Quarter. These areas will be opened especially for the participants at General Convention.

The courtyard visits will be on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 11, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 12, 2 to 4 p.m. The Saturday night event will feature the Dr. Jazz Banjo Band and the Alvin Acorn Trio.

The Society plans to offer an original poster commemorating the 1982 General Convention featuring New Orleans. The poster will be designed by a New Orleans artist.

For details on these benefit programs and poster and ticket information, write or call Lorraine D. Chiaventone, Executive Director, Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging, RD 4, Box 146-A, Milford, NJ 08845 (201/995-2885).

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Picture Captions

#82112/1 Comic Jonathan Winters will head an entertainment bill at the Episcopal Church's General Convention in New Orleans, Sept. 8, at the Saenger Performing Arts Center. The evening of entertainment is sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging and the benefit will be in support of the Society's national program on aging. (Credit: Paramount Pictures Corporation).

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#82112/2 Preservation Hall Jazz Band, organized in 1961, will share billing with comic Jonathan Winters and hostess Ann B. Davis at a concert in New Orleans on Sept. 8. The entertainment evening, to be held during the Episcopal Church's General Convention, will benefit the national programs of the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging.

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CONFERENCE ON PEACE
HELD IN PRINCETON

DPS 82113

PRINCETON, N.J. (DPS, May 6) -- In the first meeting of its kind ever held in the Episcopal Church, diocesan peace commission representatives and bishop-appointed diocesan peace officers met here April 16-18.

The conference, sponsored by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, was called in response to both the House of Bishops' 1981 Pastoral Letter and the final report of the Church's Joint Commission on Peace, just released.

Conferees represented every province and 32 dioceses. During a weekend of study, worship and fellowship, they worked together to share the work for peace already underway or planned through diocesan structures, to integrate diocesan peace work with national and international peace activities, to identify and discuss the obstacles to peacemaking, and to plan appropriate next steps.

Resource persons who attended and made presentations to the conference included former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union George Kennan, Dr. Allan Geyer, director, Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy, and four members of the Joint Commission on Peace which was created by the 1979 General Convention.

At the conclusion of the conference three resolutions were passed unanimously. First, the Presiding Bishop was requested to strongly urge all bishops immediately to involve all the structures of the Church so as to bring the issues of war and peace directly and actively into the central life of the Church, as recommended by the Joint Commission on Peace. Second, the Executive for National Mission in Church and Society was asked to assume responsibility for a similar conference in 1983. Third, the leadership of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the Episcopal Urban Caucus were asked to collaborate on a General Convention resolution which would create a Fund for Peace within the Church.

The Princeton Peace Conference was organized by the Fellowship and chaired by its chairman, the Rev. John M. Gessell, Professor of Christian Ethics at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. Gessell said, "Popular sentiment for relief from nuclear terror clearly is increasing around the world. Our challenge as Christians is to recognize the centrality in our faith of Christ's call to us to be peacemakers.

"With our bishops' leadership and the findings of the Joint Commission on Peace, there is faithful and fateful work for peace at hand to involve the talents of each one of us," Gessell added.

Copies of conference minutes and papers will be available, at cost, from the Episcopal Peace Fellowship's national office, Hearst Hall, Room 252, Wisconsin Avenue and Woodley Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016, telephone (202) 363-5532.

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Picture Caption

#82113 Diocesan peace commission representatives and bishop-appointed diocesan peace officers joined in a recent conference at Princeton, N.J. The conference, sponsored by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, was called in response to the 1981 House of Bishops' Pastoral Letter and the report of the Joint Commission on Peace to the General Convention. Seen above, l. to r., are the Rev. Kenneth Kinnett of Atlanta; former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union George Kennan of Princeton; the Rev. John M. Gessell of Sewanee, Tenn., chairman of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship; and the Rev. Nataniel W. Pierce of Nampa, Idaho, a member of the Convention's Joint Commission on Peace.

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ECUMENICAL OFFICERS
DISCUSS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

DPS 82114

by The Rev. Joseph Clayton Neiman
Editor, *The Western Michigan Churchman*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (DPS, May 6) -- Some resolutions which will be presented to the delegates at the 67th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in New Orleans next September formed the major portion of the business for the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical Officers when they met here in April in conjunction with the 19th annual National Workshop on Christian Unity.

Chief among these were the resolutions resulting from the Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogues and from the Final Report of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. The ecumenical officers were also concerned about the proposed canonical changes being recommended by the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations which would translate the results of several ecumenical dialogues into corporate form and process within the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. William Rusch, director of ecumenical relations for the Lutheran Church in America, and the Rev. William Norgren, ecumenical officer at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, briefed the diocesan ecumencial officers on the Lutheran-Episcopal resolution which Norgren termed "a serious but modest step" toward unity with the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

The resolution which will be before Episcopal bishops and deputies at General Convention has been worded with great care, Norgren advised, and cannot be changed unilaterally as parallel resolutions will be put before the respective Lutheran bodies at their fall and summer general conventions also.

If these resolutions pass, it would mean Episcopalians and Lutherans would recognize one another as churches "in which the Gospel is preached and taught," a Lutheran-style statement which nonetheless would mean both accord a type of recognition to the other which neither has granted before to a church outside their own respective frameworks, Norgren noted.

More to the point for typical members would be the provision, if the resolutions pass, which would approve interim sharing of the Eucharist. "This would extend our present stance of welcoming individual Lutherans as guests at our Eucharist," Norgren explained, "to a recognition of them as an entire group." In practice, therefore, where vacationing Episcopalians could not find an Episcopal Church on Sunday, they would be encouraged to attend and receive Communion in a Lutheran Church, Norgren said.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur A. Vogel, Bishop of West Missouri and a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, came to the meeting to comment on the Final Report of this body which has been meeting for more than 12 years.

While there is a great popular interest in this document, Vogel explained in describing the many calls he has received from the public news media, the resolution before delegates to General Convention will only commend the Final Report to the Church for further study.

"In reviewing these documents, which were written over a 12-year period," Vogel commented, "I am astounded at the integrity and unity there is in all of them. They reflect an underlying concept of the Church as koinonia (Greek word for communion), the one Church as a communion of local churches."

The ecumenical officers assembled were also concerned about two other resolutions which the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations will present to General Convention, one a resolution which would make ecumenical study an area upon which seminarians would be examined before ordination, and the other pertaining to members moving into or out of the Episcopal Church.

The proposed change (Title I, Canon 16) would allow baptized Christians from other denominations to transfer into the Episcopal Church and become "members in good standing" without having to be received by the bishop or be confirmed. The resolution, if passed, would introduce the status of "confirmed members" for those who are subsequently confirmed or whose confirmation is recognized and recorded; and it would provide that an official transfer in and/or out of the Episcopal Church could be made with "a Church in communion with this Church."

In other business the ecumenical officers elected the Rev. Canon Warren E. Crews, the ecumenical officer of the Diocese of Arkansas, to be the third president of the organization. Crews replaced the Rev. William B. Lawson, of Lynn, Mass., who was selected to be the 1983 chairman for the National Workshop on Christian Unity by the association of ecumenical officers from all participating churches.

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Note: One or more photographs will be included in the DPS mailing of May 13.

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UNITY WORKSHOP

DPS 82115

HELD IN GRAND RAPIDS

by The Rev. Joseph Clayton Neiman
Editor, *The Western Michigan Churchman*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (DPS, May 6) -- It's hard to describe the 19th annual National Workshop on Christian Unity, which met here in April because it is a series of denominational workshops held in the same place at the same time rather than one large integrated teaching session.

Since 1970, the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical Officers, the association of ecumenical officers in the Episcopal Church, and the National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers, its counterpart in the Roman Catholic Church, have had an important role in developing the program for the Workshop, but now it has a central committee of its own and ecumenical officers from several other denominations are arranging their national meetings to meet in conjunction with the Workshop as well.

Grand Rapids was chosen as the site both to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids, and to strengthen the ecumenical contacts with the Reformed Churches, since Grand Rapids and western Michigan are major centers for this denomination: i.e. two seminaries, three colleges and a large concentration of churches.

Reflecting those goals, the main ecumenical worship service was held at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral with the Rev. Dr. Howard G. Hageman, President of the New Brunswick (Reformed) Seminary, preaching. The choir from the La Grave Avenue Christian Reformed Church led the music with a liturgical dance group from Aquinas (Roman Catholic) College providing some interpretation of both music and prayers.

Between denominational workshops and business meetings of their ecumenical leaders, plenary sessions were held for all participating to strengthen their Biblical understanding about Christian unity and to confront in an ecumenical perspective major issues of our day.

The Rev. Dr. Philip A. Potter, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, led the Bible studies around the 1982 theme for both the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and this 19th annual National Workshop on Christian Unity, i.e. "May All Find Their Home in You, O God" (Ps. 86).

An interesting note for Episcopalians currently engaged in the process of hymnal revision was the emphasis placed by Potter on music and songs as a bonding force for unity. He shared rich examples from his own experience, beginning in the West Indies

where he was raised through many international ecumenical gatherings. Potter offered an international ecumenical song book, *Cantate Domino*, edited by his late wife, as a model for such efforts.

Regarding social issues, Potter emphasized the need for careful and prayerful study before the delegates from the over 300 World Council constituent churches gather at the Sixth Assembly of the Council in Vancouver July 24 to August 10, 1983.

The theme will be: "Jesus Christ -- the Life of the World." Potter stressed this will be a time for international sharing of progress made toward unity by the many converging statements on baptism, marriage and mutually recognized ministry, and a time for looking at the hard question of "how do we affirm life for a world in love with death and self-destruction?"

A service sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council gave participants at this Grand Rapids Workshop the opportunity to reflect upon one of history's most hideous examples of self-destruction: the attempt at genocide less than forty years ago in Nazi Germany.

The success or failure of the 19th annual National Workshop on Christian Unity can only be measured in individual, and perhaps denominational, terms. That it continues to meet each year and is well attended -- more than 450 registered in Grand Rapids -- is one indication the ecumenical movement is not only alive but quite vital.

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Note: One or more photographs of the Workshop will be included in the DPS mailing on May 13.

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THE COMMUNICANT TAKES
CHURCH PRESS AWARDS

DPS 82116

MINNEAPOLIS (DPS, May 6) -- Two Anglican publications -- one in the United States and the other in Canada -- captured many of the top journalism awards made by the Associated Church Press here at its annual convention in late April.

The Communicant, published monthly by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was runner-up for a general excellence award and the winner of three merit awards plus an honorable mention.

Taking the general excellence award and three merit awards in that category was *Salt*, a social-action journal published by the Claretian Fathers and Brothers.

Canadian Churchman, a tabloid published monthly for the Anglican Church of Canada, took a general excellence award and five merit awards.

In citing *The Communicant* -- which is edited by Christopher Walters-Bugbee -- for general excellence, the judges said, "This outstanding diocesan newspaper offers effective writing, fine photo stories, excellent graphics, and a good use of type masses and white space."

The Communicant was given the award for the best feature article in a newspaper, with the Rev. James Michael Coram cited for his article, "One World or No World," of which the judges said, "The writer interviewed a significant person and obviously asked the right questions to get good information."

Canadian Churchman, edited by Jerry Hames, received the newspaper award for in-depth coverage of a current issue for "The Church in Central America," by Chris Neal. It was described as a "series packed with information about the political and military situations in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador."

The best front page award went to *Canadian Churchman*, Desmond English, artist. *Canadian Churchman* also won an award for the best newspaper photograph with an article or cutline, Joe McLellan, photographer, for "Being Handicapped Isn't So Terrible." The award for best newspaper photography for an entire issue also went to *Canadian Churchman*.

The awards for the best newspaper graphics both for an entire issue and for a single spread went to Dani Davis Bayley and Walters-Bugbee of *The Communicant*.

Honorable mention went to *The Communicant* for "Letters to the Editor."

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MONKS' CORNER

DPS 82 117

(Monk's Corner is an occasional spiritual column prepared for diocesan publications by members of the Order of Holy Cross.)

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'VE
GOT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

By Bede Thomas Mudge, OHC

The experience of knowing that the Holy Spirit is a real part of our lives, and not just a part of our Creed, raises a lot of discussion, and not all of it peaceful. There are people to whom the Holy Spirit has come at a definite moment, in a recognizable way, and whose lives have been changed as a result. There are those for whom this experience is a mystery, and sounds like nonsense. And many find themselves in between, wondering at times whether they haven't felt God moving within them, and doubting at times whether there could be anything to it. People in each of these categories have their own different perspectives on the Holy Spirit.

Scripture has something to say about this situation in what may be a surprising way, because it is often overlooked. But the picture of Creation given to us in the second chapter of Genesis is about this confusing experience. It is, of course, the picture of God creating the first human beings out of the dust of the earth. It is a story we all know, and often pass over because it is so familiar. But it gives a lot of richness and understanding to our knowledge of the Holy Spirit if we realize that this story is a story of experience -- our experience. This pictorial representation of our creation tells us what it means to be a human person, just as much as it tells us about our creation.

And what does it say? It says that we are creatures of earth, made of material elements. We came from the earth and we go to it again, and that is part of the human experience. But more than that, the story describes for us our feeling that we are not just dust. The person God is making is not a human being when he has finished making the "model" out of clay. Before it becomes a human, God breathes his own breadth, his own life into it. To know that we are human means to know that we are dust, and to also know that we are more than that. Some part of us, which Genesis describes as God's very breath, is divine.

This speaks directly to the confusion we can experience about God's presence within us. This presence is absolutely sure; so sure that we cannot even describe ourselves as human without it. But it is also subtle, and illusive as a breath.

When we try to pin it down it often dissolves through our fingers and disappears before our analysis. Is God there, within us? We are sure of it. How do we know it? Now we are not so sure, because trying to catch God's breath can be the same exercise as trying to catch the wind.

Being the limited creatures that we are, this experience comes differently to different people. For some the certainty is describable, just as being out in a tornado is describable, even if it is insubstantial wind we are describing. For some, the breeze of God's breath is so subtle that it is hard to know it is there at all. And for many, the experience will come somewhere in the middle. God's presence, his Spirit, is a sure and certain part of us, and is fleeting and subtle, and we sometimes wonder where it went.

The experience of which the Scripture talks is only made whole in the Church, the body of which we are all a part. The Holy Spirit, as Paul so often reminds us, appears differently and variously to different people. Christ's Body, the Church, has the only whole experience of the Holy Spirit, and it is composed of millions of individual experiences. But the part of that experience that belongs to each one of us is part of that whole, and through it, whether it be a feeling of completion or of loss, we touch the reality that to be a human being is to be a creature of dust with the breath of God in us.

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ANGLICAN RELIGIOUS HOLD
TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

DPS 82118

GLENDALE, Ohio (DPS, May 6) -- "Only with a reawakening of the spiritual experience...is there a possibility of the reawakening of the Religious Life," said the Rev. Adrain van Kaam at the triennial meeting of the Conference on the Religious Life in the Americas, held April 26-29 at the Convent of the Transfiguration here. Representatives from twenty-four men's and women's Religious communities in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada attended the meeting.

Van Kaam, an internationally-known Roman Catholic priest, psychologist, and author, is the founder of the Institute of Formative Spirituality at Duquesne University. Along with van Kaam, Dr. Susan Muto and the Rev. Richard Byrne, also from the Institute, were speakers at the meeting.

Van Kaam based his talks on the idea of the *imago Dei*, the image of God, which was the central point of the spirituality of the undivided Church. He said that there is no one coming into Religious Life today who is not tremendously influenced by a humanistic type of secular thinking which is incompatible with Christianity. He said that Christians have neglected to build a theory of personality which is Christian. He explained that his term, "formative foundational spirituality," is based on the idea that formation consists, not in molding the outside of a person's life, but in disclosing the form, the image of God, within.

Mother Mary Grace, CSM, chaired the business meetings. Brother Andrew Rank, rector of the Society of St. Paul, was elected chairman of the Conference on the Religious Life for the next six years. Sister Marilyn Elizabeth, CT, was elected to a three-year term as vice-chairman, secretary-treasurer of the Conference.

Plans were made for republishing the directory of member communities. The directory will be sent to parishes and distributed at the General Convention. Member communities of the Conference on the Religious Life meet the definition of a Religious community which is found in the Episcopal Church's Canon III.27, "a society of Christians (in communion with the see of Canterbury) who voluntarily commit themselves for life, or a term of years: to holding their possessions in common or in trust; to a celibate life in community; and obedience to their Rule and Constitution."

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FUND'S GRANTS
PROVIDE RELIEF

DPS 82119

NEW YORK (DPS, May 6) -- Five emergency grants by the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief will address urgent needs from Bolivia and Brazil to Scotland, from Dallas to Washington, D.C.

A grant of \$5,000 to the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas will be applied to their relief and rehabilitation efforts following a devastating series of tornadoes in and around Paris, Tex.

The most needy victims are elderly persons whose low income, underinsured homes were damaged or destroyed. At least 70 percent of the victims have a very low income, 48 percent are elderly and a large number are ethnic-minority persons. These homes were not covered by U.S. government assistance.

A grant of \$4,000 was sent to the Anglican Diocese of Central Brazil to help restore the School of the Mediator in Rio de Janeiro which was damaged by vandals recently. The vandals set fire to the building and the resulting fire, smoke and water damage was estimated at \$10,000. The arts and activity room, the office with all records, and a supply room were completely destroyed. Classrooms, kitchens and bathrooms suffered extensive damage.

The school provides community services in a neighborhood of lower and lower middle income families. Until the damaged building is repaired, the chapel at the school is being used for the community programs.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, a \$7,000 emergency grant will assist St. Timothy's Elderly Nutrition Program purchase a dumb waiter for use in the dining room. This will greatly facilitate serving the meals to the elderly since the kitchen is one flight below a new dining room.

The Fund has made a grant of \$300 to the Rev. Drake Tshengkeng of South Africa who is studying in Glasgow, Scotland and assisting as a non-stipendiary priest there. This grant will supplement the limited finances which he and his family receive during their stay in Glasgow.

A grant of \$2,000 has been made to the National Council of Churches' Church World Service which will apply the funds toward relief work in Bolivia following spring floods. The grant will assist in the purchase of milk, flour, oil, sugar, seeds, blankets, medicines and antibiotics for those who lost their homes and/or crops.

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